

BREAK TODAY LIKELY IN ENGLISH CABINET

Compulsory Service Issue May Compel Several Members to Quit the Ministry.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The British cabinet faced the gravest internal crisis of the war when it met shortly before noon today with the conscription issue to be decided.

It is current rumor that several ministers will resign, possibly before the day is over, unless the government agrees on some form of compulsory service. David Lloyd-George, according to one report, threatened to quit last night.

On the other hand, it is reported in many quarters that Premier Asquith and possibly Sir Edward Grey will leave the cabinet if the conscription advocates win today's battle. In that case it is possible that Lloyd-George will be elevated to the premiership of a new ministry.

To Decide Issue Today.

The issue, it is generally believed, will be decided today. Parliament meets tonight, and unless a definite announcement is forthcoming from the cabinet council, the most bitter debate heard in commons in many months is certain to take place.

Opponents of Asquith are pined for their heaviest attack. They will insist that the government admit the failure of the voluntary recruiting system or produce figures to show that the Derby campaign has been successful.

It is possible that more serious charges than any yet made in parliament may be directed against the government in a new investigation of the Balkan and Dardanelles campaigns. The ministry's policy of secrecy will be denounced as one of the chief reasons for failure.

May Attack Kitchener.

Lord Kitchener's administration of the war office may come under fire in an inquiry into the reasons behind the appointment of Sir William Robertson as chief of the general staff and other recent radical changes.

To forestall attack by the conscriptionists, whose forces will be augmented by the critics of the Dardanelles and Balkan policies, the ministry must take decisive action today. But acceptance of the conscription policy is equally certain to bring down on the heads of the ministers tonight the denunciation of Irish and labor leaders.

The Daily Mail, according to the report that Lloyd-George has threatened to resign, says the minister of munitions told Premier Asquith that he would not continue in the cabinet unless Asquith kept his pledge to the married men.

Asquith's Pledge.

This pledge, as given out officially on November 11, follows: "The premier pledged not only himself but the government when he stated that if the young men did not, under the stress of national duty, come forward voluntarily, other, drastic, compulsory measures would be taken before married men were called upon to fulfill their engagement to serve."

Hinting at a wide split as the result of today's meeting, the Times, which is leading the campaign for conscription, declared editorially: "There are certain elements which cannot work together indefinitely, and the cabinet seems to have reached the point when it must make a vital decision between one set of opinions and the other."

ALEXANDRIA TO HAVE A WEEK OF PRAYER

Masonic Lodge Elects Officers. Sunday School Celebrations Tonight.

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 28.—A week of prayer, under the auspices of a number of the churches of Alexandria, to take place in the various churches participating, will be commenced on next Monday night. At each service there will be a sermon preached by one of the Alexandria pastors. The services will commence at 8 o'clock.

The following is a list of the churches and the preachers: January 3, in the First Baptist Church, sermon by the Rev. Edward T. Kirkley, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church; January 4, in Christ Episcopal Church, sermon by the Rev. J. W. Duane, pastor of the Southern Methodist Church; January 5, in Methodist Protestant Church, sermon by the Rev. O. W. Triplett, pastor of the Second Baptist Church; January 6, in the Second Presbyterian Church, sermon by the Rev. L. M. Ferguson, pastor of Trinity Methodist; January 7, in the Methodist Episcopal Church South, sermon by the Rev. W. J. Morton, pastor of Christ Episcopal Church.

On Wednesday night a collection will be taken up for the Alexandria Hospital.

Grandall McKee, who will retire from the office commonwealth attorney of Alexandria county on Saturday, has been presented with several handsome presents by persons connected with the court of the county. The members of the bar presented him with a handsome fountain pen and the county officials with a lap robe.

The annual election of officers of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, A. F. and A. M., was held last night, St. John's night. The following were those elected: C. Pace Waller, Jr., worshipful master; William H. Charles, senior warden; Claude W. Fletcher, junior warden; A. G. Usher, secretary; J. Edward Shinn, treasurer; William C. Davis, senior deacon; Robert A. Zachary, junior deacon; Percy E. Cliff and R. D. Brumback, stewards; the Rev. J. M. Nourse and John L. Allen, chaplains; George W. Zachary, tiller and custodian. The officers were installed by Charles H. Callahan, past worshipful master.

In police court today Henry Jackson was sentenced to jail for six months for cutting Robert Bryant with a knife. Bryant, colored, was fined \$10 for beating his wife.

Mrs. Lena Koblen, wife of Michael Koblen, thirty-six years old, died last night at her home in Del Ray. She is survived by her husband and several children.

Allen P. Johnson, the six-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen P. Johnson, died last night at the home of his grand-

Capitol Hill Literary Body Given Reception By Its Vice President



MRS. MATTIE Q. EWING.

Members of the Capitol Hill Literary Society were given a reception by Mrs. Mattie Q. Ewing, vice president, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Frear, 223 A street northeast, last night. The program included piano and vocal selections by Miss Dorothy Buettner, Mrs. A. H. Frear, Mrs. C. V. Carr, Miss Louise Wood, Miss Louise Thompson, Mrs. Ray Hurley, and addresses by Mrs. Laura H. Lawson, William C. Kent, Lloyd Everett, Mrs. E. J. W. Davis and Mrs. C. H. Gordon.

Funeral services for Arthur V. Woolf, who died Sunday at his home near Lincolnton, Fairfax county, will be held tomorrow from the Episcopal Chapel at Lincolnton.

Mrs. J. Arthur Jeffers, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts, has returned to her home in Pueblo, Colo., accompanied by her brother, Powell T. Roberts.

Miss Mamie Einbinder and Samuel Rosenberg were married Sunday afternoon at 1214 King street. Attending the wedding were guests from Washington, Baltimore, and other places.

Corbin Thompson, a dairyman of Woodbridge, Va., fractured his left leg as the result of a fall yesterday.

J. H. Bartlett has returned from a visit to Pittsburgh and Ellerslie, Md.

Arrangements have been made by the Alexandria Gun Club for its second tournament, to be held on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, on the farm of G. B. Willis, Duke street extended. Prizes will be awarded for the best shots.

Alexandria Lodge of Elks will give its Christmas dance at the Elks' Auditorium tonight. A large number of Washington guests are expected.

Sunday school celebrations of the Southern Methodist, the second Baptist, and the Grace Episcopal churches will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock. A play entitled "Castle Christmas" will be given by the pupils of St. Paul's Sunday school.

The committee on arrangements for the banquet of the Alexandria Automobile Club have fixed the date for January 25th and the place the Westminster Building. A number of prominent speakers will be invited to respond to toasts. State Highway Commissioner Coleman of Virginia has accepted the invitation.

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ROCKVILLE.

Dr. John Gardner met for the last time today with the county public school commissioners as a member of the board and will tender his resignation to the governor before qualifying as a member of the legislature. Shortly before the members of the board separated today, Judge Stanton J. Peale, president of the board, presented to Dr. Gardner a token of esteem.

William L. Aud, formerly a resident of Washington, and Mrs. Carrie Virginia Cubitt, of Poolesville, were married in Rockville yesterday by Rev. Samuel H. White.

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HYATTSVILLE.

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The Sunday school Christmas festival of the Pinkney Memorial Episcopal Church took place last night. Recitations were given by Addie James Elizabeth Blisco, Grace Farrar, Katherine Appleman, Eleanor Gambrell, William Sonnenberg, Sherman James Jr., Margaretta West, A. W. Rupper rendered a solo, and Blanche Lee sang "Have You Seen Our Santa." A song by Miss Jashield's class was a feature. E. A. Fuller took the part of Santa Claus.

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The C. E. Society of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church will present "A Perplexing Situation" this evening at 8 o'clock in the Sunday school room of the church.

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MISS WILSON NOT TO LEAVE WHITE HOUSE

Officially Denied President's Daughter and Miss Bones Will Go to New York.

Denial was made at the White House today of the report that Miss Margaret Wilson, the President's daughter, will leave Washington to take up settlement work in New York and that Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, the President's cousin, would join Miss Wilson.

The published articles also said that Dr. Cary Grayson, the President's physician, had gone to New York to take up post graduate work and that his home would be in New York instead of in Washington. In reply to this, it is pointed out that Dr. Grayson is not a member of the President's household.

It was stated definitely, however, that Miss Wilson and Miss Bones will continue to make their home at the White House.

The report that Miss Wilson, Miss Bones and Dr. Grayson intended to make their homes in New York was said to indicate a breaking up of the domestic circle at the White House on the eve of the return of the President and his bride. Color was lent to the story by the fact that Miss Wilson has been deeply interested in settlement work.

While Miss Wilson has not spent all of her time in Washington and is not expected to do so during the remainder of the President's term, it was stated definitely that she will continue to make the White House her home.

ANACOSTIA.

The death of Miss Marjorie Tolson, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Tolson, of High street, occurred yesterday morning at Providence Hospital. Funeral services were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from Emmanuel Church, in V street, with burial in Congressional Cemetery.

Anacostia Chapter No. 12, Royal Arch Masons, met last night in Masonic Hall, with High Priest Samuel T. Hind in the chair. Plans were begun for the annual visitation of the officers of the Grand Chapter, to be held next month. The election of officers will be held the first of the new year.

The Sunday school department of Emmanuel Church is holding its annual Christmas entertainments today. Tonight at 7:30 o'clock the older children of the school will hold their entertainment, preceded by a brief choral service in the church.

Anacostia Tent No. 7, Knights of the Maccoons, completed the election of its officers at a meeting last night in Masonic Hall, and the installation is to be on Monday evening. D. W. Gall, grand commander of the order in the District, is expected to be present and install the new officers.

Hitchcock Hall, at the Government Hospital for the Insane, was the scene of a large gathering last night, when the annual holiday dance of the employees was enjoyed.

The vestry of Emmanuel Church has acknowledged the gift of a handsome stained glass window from Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Roberts, of Mt. View place, which was given to the church in memory of their infant son, Nathaniel Cobb Roberts, who died the early part of last year.

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Mrs. Charles Abernethy.
Funeral services for Mrs. Charles Abernethy, who died Sunday, aged sixty-four years, will be held at the residence, 1218 Florida avenue northeast, tomorrow at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in Glenwood Cemetery.

Miss Helen L. Grimes.
Funeral services for Miss Helen L. Grimes, who died Saturday, were held at the residence, 1234 Georgia avenue northwest, today and thence to the Immaculate Conception Church, where requiem mass was celebrated. Interment was made in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mrs. Thomas M. Nolan.
Funeral services for Mrs. Thomas M. Nolan, who died Tuesday, will be held at the residence, 1411 East Capitol street, at 3:30 o'clock, thence to the Holy Comforter Church, where requiem mass will be celebrated.

William H. Norton.
Funeral services for William H. Norton, who died Sunday, aged fifty-three years, will be held at the residence, Suitland, Md., tomorrow at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Josephine Varney.
Funeral services for Josephine, wife of Col. A. L. Varney, U. S. A., who died Sunday, were held at the Westmoreland today. Private interment was made in Arlington Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary E. Cady.
Funeral services for Mary E. Cady, widow of Michael Cady, who died Sunday, aged sixty-nine years, will be held at the residence, 524 Jefferson street, Brightwood, tomorrow at 8:30 o'clock, thence to the Church of the Nativity, where requiem mass will be celebrated at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

John W. Hartness.
Funeral services for John W. Hartness, who died yesterday, aged sixty-eight years, will be held at the residence, 505 Twenty-second street northwest, tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Josephine L. Hauger.
Funeral services for Josephine L. Hauger, wife of L. L. Hauger, who died yesterday at the Homeopathic Hospital, aged twenty-five years, will be held at the chapel of Nevin Brown, 926 New York avenue northwest, Thursday, at 8:30 o'clock, thence to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, where requiem mass will be celebrated at 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Josephine F. Folks.
Funeral services for Mrs. Josephine Folks, who died in Hiram, Ohio, aged seventy-one years, were held in Hiram, Ohio, last night, when she moved to Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Folks, and two daughters, Mrs. Josephine Folks Turner and Miss Mary M. Folks.

Mrs. Clara K. E. Henkle.
Funeral services for Mrs. Clara K. Henkle, widow of Gen. S. S. Henkle, who died Sunday, will be held at the residence, 207 I street northwest, tomorrow at 2 o'clock. Interment will be private in Rock Cemetery. She was a daughter of the late Matthew Gault Emery, at one time mayor of Washington.

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GIVES RECEPTION TO VISITING SCIENTISTS

Dr. Tom A. Williams Opens Home to Physicians and Surgeons of Pan-America.

A reception will be given at the residence of Dr. Tom A. Williams, 1706 N street, on tomorrow afternoon in honor of physicians and surgeons, who are delegates to the Pan-American Scientific Congress, from South and Central America as well as the West Indies and the United States.

These delegates include distinguished authorities on tropical diseases and the heads of medical societies and medical departments in universities to all the countries of the two continents.

The headquarters of the medical section of the congress is located at the New Ebbitt, where the first meeting of the section will be held tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Surg. Gen. William C. Clegg will preside. Addresses will be made by Dr. Juan Gutierrez, director of public health of Cuba; Dr. H. R. Carter, of the Public Health Service, and Dr. A. Smith, of the University of Pennsylvania.

Will Represent Electric U. S. Railway Association

Clarence P. King, president of the Washington Railway and Electric and Potomac Electric Power Companies, and William F. Ham, vice president, have been appointed delegate and alternate, respectively, to represent the American Electric Railway Association at the Pan-American Scientific Congress now in session here.

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